

Gateway North East
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st March 2020

Gateway North East
Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2020

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Gateway North East
Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

The Trustees present their report for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

The Trustees at 31st March 2020 were :-

Natalie Beaston
Jennifer post
Angela Williams
Donna Stewart
Jeffery Sulkiewicz
Ruth Williams
Helen Williams

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission (reg no. 1140476).

The Charity's governing document is its constitution adopted 20th April 2010 as amended on 22 March 2013.

The Charity's registered address is PO BOX 209 Houghton le Spring DH4 9DF

The Charity's principal bankers are Charities Aid Foundation Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ.

The Charity's accountant's name and address are given at the foot of their report on page 3.

Objectives

The principal objectives of the charity as set out in its constitution are :-

The relief of people with learning disability or barriers to learning in particular by the provision of help and support for them and for their families, dependents and carers and to advance support for them and for their families, dependents and carers, and to advance support networks including links to religion amongst persons with a learning disability; and

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the recreation or other leisure time occupation for people who have need thereof by reason of learning disability with the object of improving their conditions of life. " Learning disability" means any developmental disability of the mind and any associated condition howsoever caused and whether mild, moderate or severe. "Barrier to learning" means any barrier to learning such as emotional, physical or mental barrier to learning whether long-term or temporary.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Organisation

The charity is managed by its officers and trustees whose names are given above. The Charity also uses various premises made available by other groups within the community.

Activities, Progress and Achievements.

Staffing

Over the last year there have been a number of changes of staff including the Project Manager, finance officers and support workers. It is always good to see that people have gained experience with us and now feel more equipped to move on to full time posts in their chosen area of work. Our volunteers contribute on average 380 voluntary hours per week. Direct care amounts received and paid out to members of staff are included in wages.

Sports

1. Swimming

The swimming group goes from strength to strength and could easily expand to all other areas of the North East and in Sunderland. The challenge is to ensure that we can train more coaches because of the increase in demand. However from 10th March we have had to suspend all swimming lessons because of Covid-19.

2. Badminton

The original badminton group became independent in July 2016. However, this was continued with younger children by the sports coaches; at the gateway centre there are regular activities and events throughout the year.

3. Multisport

Multisport has run throughout the year in a number of locations, funded by community short breaks.

6 of our young people trained as sports leaders and disability multisport is a feature of all of our schemes.

4. Wheelchair Dance

Wheelchair dance, which has been headed up by Laura, is very popular with our coaches delivering in the Dales, Sunderland and East Durham. We are in a good position with this as Laura is the only qualified coach in the North East. However Laura has been very unwell this year so sessions have not been as regular as we would like.

5. Football

Football was part of the holiday schemes at Easington Lane.

6. Boccia

Friday boccia runs at the Blind centre headed up by Kirsty and Laura. After the move to Easington Lane boccia continued at Easington Lane. There were also boccia groups in the dales area run by Laura.

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Activities, Progress and Achievements (continued).

Holiday Schemes

Holiday Schemes have run in every school holiday in Easington Lane, East Durham and the Dales area. In Newcastle, this scheme attracted older young people and has become a centre for those on the Stepping Out scheme (16+). During the summer holidays, there was the inclusion of children from East Durham. Activities were organised in East Durham and delivered as part of the holiday schemes. North Tyneside is voluntary and it is now well established.

Gateway Stars

Gateway Stars came about through the need to develop a young carers group. This has developed into a regular meeting where young people are able to take part in an activity and have a meal together as well as take part in helping the community. Funding was obtained for the continuation of this group. Gateway Mini Stars for the younger children has continued to grow and now meets once every 2 months pre Covid-19.

Family Days

During School holidays, we had family days every Friday where we organised a family trip and hired a coach. These days were popular with some parents. There are many advantages to this. However, some parents did not want their children to go off-site and did not want to go on the family days with them. The agreement that we came to was that only in the most extreme circumstance can a young person come without a carer; this seems to have worked and enables staff to have a break on Fridays which is especially important in the six weeks of holidays and it also gives space for training for the Small Steps groups.

Small Steps to Employment Scheme

We have engaged a further nine young people in the scheme this year. We continue to have successful staff training covering health and safety, working with children with disabilities and safeguarding. We have also had two staff away-days where we were able to look at our vision, aims, and objectives and do team building work.

Gateway Diamonds

This is a parents' support group set up by the family support worker which now meets on a monthly basis for mutual support. Donna has also started a family get together for families to go out for a meal together which ran 4 times during the year.

Post-balance Sheet Events

Since March 2020 the country has been affected by the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic and this has in turn had a significant effect on the work of the charity. None of our sessional workers, although furloughed, have been able to work, but some online training has been undertaken. Overheads were reduced and financially we were supported by further grants and donations without which our activities might have come to an end. Sports groups and holiday schemes were suspended but support for young people working at home became a significant aspect of our activities. It is our hope and intention that in the near future the activities of the charity will be carried out through a newly-formed community interest company, "Gateway North East Limited".

General

We have had another increase in the number of children accessing what we do, especially with residential and holiday schemes which up until March increased to provision on every week in every school holiday plus some weekend residential and new contracts for outreach and PA work as well as a rise in the numbers accessing the Focus scheme.

The biggest increase has been in looked-after children with a disability or barrier to learning and in the young carer and under 11s groups also a large increase in 20-25 year olds who have left college and have no appropriate support or provision that is age appropriate. We have also noticed an increase of young people accessing our services who are looked after by grandparents. This is the reason why we set up. In March like all charities we closed down all our face to face work because of coronavirus, most of our young people are on the shielding programme which is due to last at least 12 weeks. Focus has been put on making sure that families and young people are able to keep connected and that our young people can continue to access similar activities at home and families know how to access what they need.

The demand for what we offer especially during covid has increased substantially in March with many families panicking. However the demand is becoming greater as social care and short breaks are cut, and young people are no longer eligible for support. This is also having an effect on the mental health of families and their ability to cope. We have a "can do" policy which we are trying very hard to implement and many families now are also not able to contribute the same as they could two years ago. We are looking at creative ways that we can try to support these families; this has included providing breakfasts and lunches when needed and Christmas dinner, food parcels, clothes and a Toy Bank. However the present Covid-19 situation has meant that we need to respond to need in a different way which we are working on because we do not know what will happen and cannot plan for anything.

There has been another rise in people looking for support for their children's education because they have been excluded from school or the schools are unable to cope with their special needs; this is something that the Local Authority should provide but it doesn't, which makes it very difficult to obtain funding; although we have suggested flexi-schooling to various schools, the local authority will not consider it. However most young people have to stay at home and work from home now and we do not know when they are likely to return.

It has been a busy year and we expect that there will be an even busier year ahead of us. We have an amazing team of young people and young adult workers and families who are starting to realise that they can achieve far more than they ever thought possible and who are putting their efforts into supporting each other and other people.

A more detailed report is available on request.

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to build up financial reserves sufficient to cover contingent statutory and contractual redundancy costs in respect of all employees.

Finance

The majority of our income for this year has been from grants awarded and from fees from parents for the various activities and funding from local authorities for short breaks.

The accounts have been independently examined by B.J. Straughan and Co whose report is set out on page 3.

On Behalf of the Trustees

 Date 30/03/2021

Angela Williams (Chair)

Gateway North East
Examiner's Unqualified Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Gateway North East

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2020 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

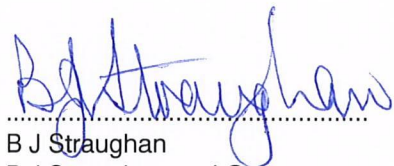
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or

the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



B J Straughan
B J Straughan and Co
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

1st April 2021

Date

Epworth House
7 Lucy Street
Chester le Street
County Durham
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Gateway North East**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2020**

(on receipts and payments basis - refer to note (1a))

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Grants Received	1330	45858	47188	36468
Donations and fees	5211	0	5211	13998
Services provided	93739	10446	104185	148408
Loan received	12783	0	12783	42236
	<u>113063</u>	<u>56304</u>	<u>169367</u>	<u>241110</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
Wages and sessional staff	62792	31575	94367	130467
Local project costs	18073	21653	39726	23156
Sports costs:-				
Boccia	0	0	0	265
Football	0	0	0	0
Swimming	87	77	164	3312
Equipment	0	0	0	0
Advertising and publicity	0	0	0	0
Premises costs	4037	1531	5568	5280
Travelling	18240	0	18240	32911
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	2471	238	2709	4481
Training and subscriptions	74	669	743	2086
Professional fees	1933	0	1933	4283
Insurance	476	0	476	1835
Sundries	139	0	139	279
Bank charges	221	0	221	480
Building purchase	0	0	0	0
Loan repayments	7033	0	7033	30466
Other	0	0	0	100
	<u>115576</u>	<u>55743</u>	<u>171319</u>	<u>239401</u>
Net Movement in cash and bank balances for the year	-2513	561	-1952	1709
Bank and cash accounts at 01/04/2019	-902	2874	1972	262
Transfers between funds	-1504	1504	0	0
Bank and cash accounts at 31/03/2020	<u>-4919</u>	<u>4939</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1971</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st March 2020

	<u>2020</u>			<u>2019</u>
	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Cash Funds</u>				
CAF Bank	0	20	20	1,972
CAF Deposit account	0	1	1	0
<u>Total Cash Funds</u>	0	21	21	1,972
<u>Building at cost</u>	101,203	0	101,203	101,203
<u>Equipment at valuation</u>	1,440	0	1,440	1,800
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>				
Debtors	53,528	3,928	57,456	27,798
<u>Other Monetary Liabilities</u>				
Creditors	-61,664	0	-61,664	-24,769
Loans From Trustees & Former Trustees, etc.	-65,511	0	-65,511	-59,695
<u>Net Assets</u>	28,996	3,949	32,945	48,309
<u>Represented By :-</u>				
Unrestricted Funds	28,996	0	28,996	40,363
Restricted Funds	0	3,949	3,949	7,946
	<u>28,996</u>	<u>3,949</u>	<u>32,945</u>	<u>48,309</u>

For and on Behalf Of The Trustees

A. White

Date 30/03/2021

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Gateway North East
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st March 2020

Note 1

Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Charity Commission publication CC16 Receipts and Payments Accounts, which includes the basis on which the statement of assets and liabilities is prepared.
- b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. Debtors reflects only those amounts which are reasonably expected to be recovered.
- c) Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received.
- d) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which the relevant payment is made. Resources expended include any attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- e) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are receivable as general funds.
- f) Restricted Funds are to be used for a specific purpose as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Note 2

Restricted Funds (reflects all fund assets and liabilities)

<u>Source</u>	<u>Notes-See Below</u>	<u>Balance 1st April 2019</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Resources Expended</u>	<u>Transfers from unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Balance 31st March 2020</u>
Sports permission	1	0	1,000	1,084	84	0
Cathrine Cookson	2	0	1,555	1,560	5	0
Pilkington HS	3	0	1,010	907	0	103
Children in need	4	7,698	19,959	24,095	0	3,562
Laura Direct payments	5	0	10,446	10,410	0	36
Melody Direct Payments	6	240	0	0	0	240
Coalfields	7	0	4,175	4,381	206	0
Lottery	8	0	12,097	13,306	1,209	0
Gateway Diamonds	9	8			0	8
		7,946	50,242	55,743	1,504	3,949